

VERNEY

Winner of the Cessarewitch last Wednesday. Nineteen houses started. The favorite, Bronzio, was unplaced

When you have a friend to visit you, if she be a welcome guest, you will try to make her happy, and you'll give her of your best. You'll tell her all the story of your varied household cares. And everlastingly you'll prate about your own affairs. But whether else you do, don't, for money's sake, be led To put that helpless woman in the cold spare bed.

You may tell her of your trouble with your numerous hired girls. And what "she said" and what "I said," till her understanding whirls. You may talk of the servant question till the setting moon's last gleam. And begin next morning on the same old tiresome theme.

But, what ever else you do, don't, for money's sake, be led To put that helpless woman in the cold spare bed.

The young lawyer lined on the usual legal fog far away superiority. "My good woman," he observed, staking an admonitory forefinger at the lady in the witness-box. You do not appreciate the gravity of the question. Concentrate what brain power Nature has endowed you with, and answer me. What relationship does the prisoner bear to you?"

"Rights," replied the lady, with scornful unbecoming familiarity, "is father's cousin was my cousin once removed, and is mother, marrying my uncle's only brother, made."

"My good woman, I am not here to solve puzzles," interrupted the legal one, despatchingly.

"Well, I'm blundered," rejoined the lady. "You was talking' just nah as if you'd covered most of the brain gear that was gone. If you hadn't, I'd asked quite so much, cocky. I'd asked you plain and simple. It's my father!"

Seeing that there are such a number of members of the medical profession holding seats in the Dominion parliament it is surprising that none of them ever thought of having an act passed creating a Dominion standard of examination which would enable a doctor holding a diploma issued in one particular province to have the right to practice all over Canada. Canada should be wide open to Canadians.

Those provincial medical close-corporations, unfortunately, are favored and protected by certain doctors, the dum ones especially, from selfish motives. Conscious of being incompetent and out-of-date practitioners,

they dread competition and deliberately keep good men out. If a skillful physician with a good practice in, say, Toronto, wishes to move to a western province, he has to undergo the ordeal of a fresh and uniformly examination at the hands of a bunch of men who regard him with a baleful eye and look upon him as a teacher on their presences. Many a brilliant graduate from the east has been plucked by these supercilious trust gratifiers in order to avert an inroad on their own practice.

Dr. Laferrière, of Calgary, is strongly opposed to a general Dominion standard of examination. He is a close-corporation doctor, his specialty being treating the Sarcee Indians for sore toes and boils at the back of the neck, with a touch of gipsyism uttered on the side, and he has contrived that under the B. A. Act the provinces have supreme power in provincial education and therefore no authority can be given by the Dominion government to interfere with provincial rights.

"JOENNY" CAIRNS

Popular Winnipeg newspaperman, who was recently banished by his confederates on the telegram staff on the eve of his wedding.

If this really be so, the B. N. A. Act could surely be amended by the British parliament so as to do away with this ridiculous anomaly. Why not our dear old friend, Joe Martin, to speak to the Lord Chancellor about it?

Which of the visiting Yankee Party Leaders was it that related the story of David and Goliath in such straggling a few weeks ago in Winnipeg? It surely couldn't have been the man from Boston. He was too full of

baked beans, prunes, culture and broad pudding. There were two there from China—but, no matter, there is the way the speaker proceeded.

Dave reached the army and the next morning Goliath put up a great big bluff.

"Who's that big stiff over there?" asked Dave.

"Oh, he's the head cheese, the main works of the Philistines," they tell him.

Then Dave says, "You fellows make me tired letting a big lobster take that blundering and not call him down."

So Dave moseys down to the creek and gets a yodelful of rocks. He puts one of them in his sling, ready to mat the cock in the cockpot, between the lamps. He went to the mat, took the count and was all in. (Dave drew his sword, cut off the giant's block, and the gang skiddered afterwards.)

Many people aim all right, but most of them forget to pull the trigger at the psychological moment.

At the Winnipeg theatre for the first four night of next week, with Wednesday matinee, Dr. Wolf Hopfer will appear with his famous New York chorus of sixty pretty girls, his latest song-comedy sketch "A Matinee Idol." This favorite comedian, made immortal to the play-going public through his recitations of "Casey at the Bat," grows in popularity after every visit. Miss Louise Brown, who with Mr. Hopfer and the supporting company is the grand brilliant ever collected in New York.

Friday and Saturday of next week with Saturday matinee will be devoted to the production of "The World and his Wife" by that noted English actor, William Faversham. Assisted by Miss Jessie Ogle, the best sporting company in "The World and his Wife" is an unusually strong one, as the parts are heavy and Mr. Faversham demanded and got adequate support.

Considerable excitement has been caused in Alberta by the rumor that the Great and Only Steve Wilson and the Modern Theatre Company, led by T. Moore, both of Red Deer, are about to start a new party, to be known as the Sorbehead Party and composed exclusively of Grits who have been chucked into the discard. The platform of the new party will be built of lumber obtained from Cushing's mill and it is whispered that canteens have already been made to Old Cuts himself to join this crafty bomb-powder plot, on the understanding that if successful in achieving power within the present century the membership of the province will be handed over to him by way of payment for the lumber. Secret meetings are being held in the vicinity of Burnt Lake. Mr. Wilson will insist on an all-Methodist government, having always enjoyed a striking fondness for members of the denomination. They all stop at the Windsor, where the booze is fine and the cuisine unexcelled. Cigars, eight for a quarter.

The Calgary city council should pause before cutting off the annual \$5000 grant to the Summer Fair. If they only knew it, the uniform success of the Calgary Exhibitions year after year has done more than anything else to attract public attention all over the country. Even in Winnipeg, where their annual Exhibition is fondly supported by its directors and the vast throng of thousands of the face of the globe, there were many people who, having attended both exhibitions, declared that Winnipeg was absolutely outclassed by Calgary as to the quality of entertainment and general management of her Fair. To the Winnipeg fair, the exhibits of agricultural implements and automobiles that Calgary, but these were merely advertisements for various firms. Only a small proportion of the crowd bothered looking at them.

At the recent Dry Farming Congress at Spokane, Alberta simply swept the board. The Macleod district won every prize in sight for grain exhibits, while the success of George Lane's stock was phenomenal. He showed in 12 classes and took 13 first and two seconds. He won the Grand Challenge Cup for the best herd of 10 horses on the ground and in this he was in competition with the best breeders in the western States. The judge said that there were not ten such horses of the same breed on the continent, and he has never seen ten better horses in France, the home of the Percheron.

After many unsuccessful tries, the Hamilton Spectator has at last got off something worth while. Here is what the Spec has to say: "Fiddlers is fast accumulating that the bungle and expense committed with the fabricating of the country's money. Now, rifle will furnish one more substantial reason why the government should be fired."

With the retirement of Mayor Jamieson at the close of the session in Calgary will lose the services of the best mayor and the ablest politician the city has ever had. It is a thousand pities that a city like Calgary, glowing with metropolitan ambitions and destined by Providence for a brilliant future, cannot for once be induced to break precedent and make it worth while for Mr. Jamieson to grow at least one more year of his services to the ratpatriots. Amongst the men available for the mayoralty job Calgary will find it exceedingly hard to find one who has the same practical, constructive brain as that possessed by Mayor Jamieson, and it would pay the city to even double his present salary until the programme of civic operations which he has had in his own supervising

Mr. Thomas Edison's fight with the moving picture industry seems to be at last settled by a recent court decision to the effect that he is the inventor of the moving picture machine, and is entitled to injunction against certain manufacturers who have no right upon his patents. The opposing interests had asserted that the invention was really made by a man named Greaves, but the Court held that the argument as to Greaves

had been exhausted in a previous suit and that Mr. Edison's rights were clearly demonstrated. This is a matter of no small importance. There are now in this continent some 2000 "picture houses," which maintain in the course of a week about 400,000 persons, and the confirmation of Mr. Edison's claim means that he will draw from the film manufacturers royalties aggregating more than \$2,000 a week.

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